declined in 2004 from 2003; remained static in Delhi at 401 and showed slight increase in Mumbai from 242 in 2003 to 253 in 2004. In respect of cases of rape registered during the foresaid period, while the numbers have declined in Chennai and Kolkata; there has been increase in Delhi from 406 in 2003 to 457 in 2004 and in Mumbai from 133 in 2003 to 187 in 2004.

(c) and (d) Under the seventh schedule to the Constitution of India, the 'Police' and 'Police Order' are state subjects and as such, it is the responsibility of the State Governments and UT administrations to take necessary steps to effectively implement the provisions of various laws concerning women in order to prevent crimes against women. However, the Union Government has from time to time issued advisories to all the State Governments and UT Administrations to make concerted efforts to improve the administration of Criminal Justice System and to take effective measures to control crimes against all vulnerable sections of the society, including women.

The steps taken by Delhi Police to prevent rape cases include establishment of Crime against Women Cells; setting up of Rape Crises Intervention Centres in all the nine Police Districts; association of Women Police Officers and NGO in investigation of rape cases; setting up three Special Courts headed by women judges; networking with Non-Governmental Organisations; deployment of staffing plain clothes at vulnerable places; starting of dedicated telephone help lines; and constitution of 'Women Mobile Team' to attend to distress calls from women on round-the-clock basis; providing counseling through the NGO to the needy complainant; seeking help of NGOs and professionals such as social workers, doctors, psychologists, lawyers and special counselors during the investigation of rape cases; association of NGOs to assist the victims during medical examination and for counselling, treatment rehabilitation, Self-Defence training programme and the recently launched scheme "Parivartan" under which lady beat constables have been deployed in selected slum areas.

Inclusion of Internal Security in Concurrent List

817. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to include 'internal security in the List No. Ill of the Seventh Schedule by a suitable amendment of the Indian Constitution;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the various State Governments have been consulted in the matter and if so, their reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Joint Operation with Myanmar Against Insurgents, Drug-Traffickers and Smugglers

818. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India & Myanmar agreed to consolidate joint cooperation and operation against insurgents, drug-traffickers and smugglers;

(b) if so, what progress has been made in this regard;

(c) whether Government have taken any step to stop these illegal activities in this region; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) India's concern on the presence of "Indian Insurgent Groups in the Myanmar territory has been raised at various fora. The Government of Myanmar have been reiterating that they would not allow the use of their territory by insurgent groups for undertaking activities prejudicial to the interest of India. While both Governments have agreed to strengthen cooperation in checking the activities of insurgents, arms smugglers, drug traffickers and other hostile elements along the India-Myanmar border; at present there is no proposal under consideration to conduct joint operations with Government of Myanmar against Indian Insurgent Groups present in Myanmar territory.

(c) and (d) Government have taken various measures to counter the threat posed by insurgent groups of the North East region. Besides holding peace dialogue with various insurgent groups, enhancing the capabilities of the State Police and development of socio-economic infrastructure, appropriate institutional mechanism have been built in at district level, at State Hqrs. and among the States in the NE region to share actionable intelligence inputs available with the State and Central intelligence agencies and to launch coordinated counter insurgency operations against insurgent